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SUBJECT: NARCOTIC ENFORCEMENT EQUIPMENT FUNDING FOR EGYPT

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1. IN ORDER TO CONSIDER A NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM FOR EGYPT, THE FOLLOWING FACTORS MUST BE CONSIDERED. FIRST, WHILE THE PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE HAS BEEN BROADENED TO INCLUDE ASSISTANCE TO COUNTRIES WHERE NARCOTICS PROBLEMS SHOW SIGNS OF INCREASING, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO JUSTIFY A PROGRAM FOR EGYPT TO CONGRESS UNLESS THERE WERE INDICATION OF BENEFIT ACCRUING TO THE US.

2. SECOND, JUSTIFICATION AND NATURE OF PROGRAM FOR SUB-CONFIDENTIAL

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MISSION TO CONGRESS FOR APPROVAL TO REPROGRAM FUNDS WOULD BE REQUIRED. SPECIFICALLY, WHAT ARE OUR OBJECTIVES AND HOW WOULD THEY BE SERVED BY THE REQUESTED INPUTS OF US ASSISTANCE TO HELP MEET THEM. WE WOULD BE MORE INCLINED TO APPROVE A PROGRAM AIMED AT HELPING EGYPT ERADICATE OPIUM CROPS RATHER THAN ONE WHICH WOULD MERELY ENHANCE ITS CAPACITY TO COPE WITH "STREET-LEVEL" TRAFFICKERS.

3. THIRD, IF A BILATERAL PROGRAM FOR NARCOTICS ASSISTANCE IS DEVELOPED, ASSISTANCE PROVIDED MUST BE COVERED BY PRO-

JECT AGREEMENTS WITH HOST GOVERNMENT. THESE MUST SPELL OUT EXPECTED ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND USE TO BE MADE OF US-SUPPLIED ASSISTANCE WITHIN A WELL CONCEIVED PROGRAM. THIS WILL REQUIRE MONITORING OF THEIR USE AND REGULAR END USE REPORTING.

4. FINALLY, IN THE WAY OF ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE, DEPARTMENT OFFERS FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON EQUIPMENT LIST SUBMITTED TO SAIC HOLM BY ANA ON SEPTEMBER 27, 1977. DEPARTMENT POLICY IS NOT TO PURCHASE WEAPONS IN SUPPORT OF NARCOTICS SUPPRESSION ACTIVITIES. THE REQUIREMENT FOR SOME VEHICLES MIGHT BE MET IF PROGRAMMING DOCUMENTATION COULD DEMONSTRATE NEED FOR THEM AS WELL AS ANA MAINTENANCE CAPABILITIES. SIMILARLY SELECTED COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT COULD BE PROVIDED IF JUSTIFIED BOTH BY POST AND AS RESULT OF ON-SITE SURVEY BY S/NM TELECOMMUNICATIONS EXPERT. OTHER LISTED ITEMS ARE LESS LIKELY TO BE APPROVED AS EXPERIENCE IN OTHER PROGRAM COUNTRIES HAS SHOWN SUCH

ITEMS TO BE OF MARGINAL UTILITY.

5. ALTHOUGH REFTEL C ADDRESSES THE FISCAL YEAR 1980
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BUDGETARY CYCLE, IT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THIS REPLY TO REFTELS A AND B. THE DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT THE INFORMATION REQUESTED IN PARAGRAPH 4 OF REFTEL C, ESPECIALLY THE COMMENTARY ON THE RELATIONSHIP OF ANY NARCOTICS ASSISTANCE PROPOSAL TO THE MISSION'S OTHER GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND PRIORITIES, IS PARTICULARLY APPLICABLE TO ANY NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM FOR EGYPT. VANCE

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